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ARBOR DAY 2020

Trees Are Terrific!



Wednesday,
September 23, 2020
1:30 p.m.

Optimist Park

2098 N 16th St
Bismarck ND

2020 Arbor Day Program

Introductions.....Brett Gurholt, Forestry Advisory Board

Arbor Day Proclamation and Remarks.....Mayor Steve Bakken

Awards.....Erik Dietrich, Forestry Advisory Board
Doug Prchal, Forestry Advisory Board

Tree City U. S. A. Award.....Beth Hill, ND Forest Service

Arbor Day Poem.....Shiloh Christian School
(An adaptation of TREES by Joyce Kilmer) 5th Grade Students
Julie Seifert and Paige Emmel—5th Grade Teachers

Arbor Day Address & Dedication.....Randy Bina
Bismarck Parks & Rec Executive Director

Tree Planting.....In Recognition of Greg Smith
Bur Oak

Apples & Tree Hand-out.....Forrest Von Flickentale, Forestry Mascot
Forestry Advisory Board Members and Forestry Staff

Apples generously donated by Cashwise Foods North Bismarck #3051

Arbor Day Tree Dedication:

Greg Smith has been involved in park and playground maintenance and staff supervision for over 40 years.

In 1978 he interned at Glen Hills park in western Wisconsin. The following summer he became a crew leader for the USDA Forest Service with the Youth Conservation Corps program. From there it was on to Ramsey County Parks and Recreation in Minnesota where he worked in the Maintenance and Operations division until 1994. The Bismarck (North Dakota) Parks and Recreation District was his next employer where he served as Park Operations Manager until his promotion in 2011 to Operations Director.

He worked in Bismarck for over 21 years until his retirement in 2016. In addition to his duties as Operations Director, Greg also was the Park District's Safety and Risk Management Coordinator. He was asked in 2009 to be an instructor for the NRPA National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) course. He continues to teach as an instructor for the CPSI program.

Forestry Advisory Board:

Mitch Becker • Brett Gurholt
Carolyn Godfread • Erik Dietrich
Doug Prchal • Amy Sakariassen
Stan Churchill
Mark Zimmerman, Park Commissioner
Greg Zenker, City Commissioner
Jeff Heintz
(Director of Public Works - Service Operations)
Randy Bina
(Parks & Recreation District Executive Director)

Forestry Staff:

Doug Wiles—City Forester
Christy Ames-Davis
Forestry Programs Coordinator
Jerry Henke - Lead Arborist
Mike Miller - Landscape Arborist
Eric Gabbert - Arborist
Tyler Weichel - Arborist
John Arlien - Weed Control
Carter Moran - Forestry Technician
Carol Miller - Forestry Technician
John O'Keefe - Forestry Technician
Forrest Von Flickentale -
Forestry's Mascot



Recognition

Appleseed Awards

For landscape beautification efforts on public property in 2019

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- ♦ Bismarck Rotary Club



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- Plant Perfect

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- KLJ

TREES

By Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see

A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

